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"Loving words will cost but little Journeying up the hill of life; But they make the weak and weary Stronger, braver for the strife. Do you count them only trifles? What to earth are sun and rain? Never was a kind word wasted; Never one was said in vain."

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I SHOULD ATTEND CAMP-MEETING

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"The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effectual methods of arresting the attention of the people and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation."

""Properly conducted, the camp-meeting is a school where pastors, elders, and deacons can learn to do more perfect work for their Master. It should be a school where the members of the church, old and young, are given opportunity to learn the way of the Lord more perfectly, a place where believers can receive education that will help them to help others."

"Our camp-meetings are arranged and held at great expense. God's ministers who advocate unpopular truth labor excessively at these large gatherings to bear the message of mercy from a crucified Redeemer to poor fallen sinners. To neglect or t.eat these messages with indifference, is to slight the mercy of God and his voice of warning and entreaty."

"God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. We need to understand what part we shall individually be called upon to act in building up the cause of God in the earth, in vindicating God's holy law, and in lifting up the Saviour as the 'Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."

"The faith of most Christians will waver if they constantly neglect to meet together for conference and prayer. If it were possible for them to enjoy such religious privileges, then God would send light direct from heaven by his angels to animate, cheer, and bless his scattered people. But he does not propose to work a miracle to sustain the faith of his saints. They are required to love the truth enough to take some little pains to secure the privileges and blessings vouchsafed them of God. The least they can do is to devote a few days in the year to a united effort to advance the cause of Christ and to enchange friendly counsel and sympathy."

"Our camp-meetings are the golden opportunities of the year for our religious work. Like the annual feasts of ancient Israel these seasons are an important means of education. Anciently " with offerings of gratitude they came, from the men of white hairs to the little child, to meet with God in his holy habitation. As they journeyed, the experiences of the past, the stories that both old and young still love so well, the songs that had cheered the wilderness wandering were sung, God's commandments were chanted, and, bound up with the blossed influences of nature and of kindly human acsociation, they were forever fixed in the memory of every child and youth.' Surely no effort should be spared to make our summer gatherings count for all they should be in the lives of our dear boys and girls, and the 'blessed influences of nature and of kindly human association' should 'o not be lightly regarded."

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>

ALLEN MOON.

(Concluded)

God has not left the subjects of his kingdom without a visible seal or mark to distinguish them from the subjects of earthly powers, in addition to the secret sign or seal in the gift of the Spirit, by which they are sealed unto the day of redemption. The Lord said unto Moses, "These are the words which the Lord hath commanded, that ye should do them. Six days shalt work be done, but on the seventh day, there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord." Ex. 35:1,2.

And further, "Moreover also I gave them my Sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them." Eze. 20:12.

God blessed and samtified his holy rest day. How appropriate, then, that he should make this the sign of a sanctified people. This sign, like the realm to which it belongs, is for time and eternity; for the Lord will have a tried people in all ages, whose loyalty will be revealed in loving obedience to his commands.

The Sabbath can never become the sign of rebellion. The seditious of all ages have sought to obscure the Sabbath either by utter disregard for tha day of rest, or by substitution. True Sabbath-keeping is prompted only by love, and cannot, in the very nature of things, belong to the realm of force.

God, who is love, knew the power of love; and he knew that love in the human heart would lead man to seek to help his fellow. In other words, when the helpless one had sought the Lord, and he had delivered him from the powers of darkness, and translated him into the kingdom of his dear Scn (Col. 1:13), that one, having found the new realm, would immediately begin to work for the deliverance of others, thus becoming an ambassador of the kingdom of Christ. This work requires revenue, and the Lord has not failed to provide for it in his word, so that those that minister about holy things, having no inheritance among their brethren, may be maintained in the Lord's work; for we read: "And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their servicé which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation." Num. 18:21.

Nor is the priest or minister exempt from rendering support to the Lord's cause in the earth because he has only that which the Lord has given him from the people; but he also must be an example of rendering material support: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Moreover thou shalt speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take take of the children of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe. And this your neave offering shall be reckened unto you, as though it were

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the corn of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press." Num. 18:25-27. From Malachi 3:8 we learn that the Lord requires his true people to make offerings for the support of his kingdom on earth, in addition to rendering to him his own; and that he regards the withholding of either by the subjects of his nation as robbery. It can not be, then, that any that are guilty of robbery of God's kingdom in the time of its need, in order to prosecute the work for the salvation of men, will ever see the inside of the glorified kingdom. The nation, kingdom, or church which the Son of God, with the Father, has established on earth, is the same that will be glorified eternally. The nations of earth represent the highest idea of human organization; but "Yot have I set my king upon the wreck of these is foretold in the following language: my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten theo. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron-Thou shalt dash them in peices like a potter's vessel." And when the universe shall witness the overthrow of man's dominion, then Fs. 2:6-9. shall come to pass the words of the prophet: "And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdon shall come to the daughter of Jerusaler." Micah 4:8.

Here again, the king, and Zion the church, are inseparable. The Son of mar, when requested to explain the parable of the wheat and tares said, "He that sourch good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one: The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity. . . Then shall the righteous shine forth has the sun in the kingdom of their Father, Who hath ears, let him hear." Matt. 13:37-43.

In this language we have in brief the entire history of the people of God down to the time of their deliverance. It is noticeable that every name applied to them by inspiration signifies an organized body, whether it be nation, kingdom, Zion, or the body; and also that this body is all that will survive the wreck of nations, --the burning of sheaves, which is only another name for the organization of men, and all else that has cursed this fair earth.

I have only briefly touched upon a few points relating to organization as outlined in the Scriptures, but with the hope that it may lead to more thorough study of this important subject.

WHAT ARE WE DOING TO HELP THE \$150,000 FUND ?

When I read that others had given a day's work a week's work and that some had given a day's canvassing to help the \$150,000 Fund, I made a resolution in January that I would give the earnings of one day's canvassing when I should enter the work again-

When I came to the thickest part of the town I chose the 30th of April, and with an earnest prayer I went to work and the spirit of God was with me. The first house I entered was a Socialist infidel boarding house. Many men kept me busy an hour. They have all of Ingersoll's books and arguments. The Lord helped me here and through many other houses of like character.

I almost lost my faith of getting any orders that day, but I kept on until nine o'clock and made four dollars to send. One lady who gave me an order met me in another house and wanted to cancel the order. I said nothing but when I delivered I canvassed her over again and she took the book. So the Lord gave me some success but my aim was much higher.

K. V. Bjork.

A BLESSED EXPERIENCE .

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Monday, May 25th, in company with Brother Bjork, our Finnish canvasser, I went to Toivela to visit our brethren in the homestead district. We reached the home of Brother Evens a little after noon where we were entertained until the next morning. Here, in the afternoon, we had the privilege of taking a real Finnish bath in a Finnish bath house which rested and refreshed us very much.

The next morning Brother Bjork and I started alone through the woods for Brother Loukinen's home, making a call or two on the way, reaching there about one ' o'clock. They were filled with joy at seeing us, for they have very few callers, living three miles from their nearest neighbor with only a foot path to their home through the deep woods.

As they were both very desirous of being baptised, we devoted the time to the study of the Word with this in view. As Brother Bjork is a man upon whom the Spirit of God rests and who is sound and firm in all points of the faith, I felt that I could depend upon him much in this very important work as interpreter. We found them to be sound and firm in everything as far as they understood. They accepted the light on the tithe, the only question being how it should be paid. They paid a faithful tithe on all they had in the house before I left there the next morning.

Owing to the limited opportunities which they have had we took much time and care in explaining the truth and examining them. Surely God has been their teacher by his Holy Spirit.

The next morning about eight o'clock we made ready and went down to the river about ten minutes walk from the house. As soon as we reached the stream Brother Loukinen fell down upon his knees and , raising his hands to heaven, poured out his heart in prayer. I then prayed, Brother Bjork interpreting. When we arose I led them into the water, and there, in the depths of the forest, in the rushing waters of the Graverod River, with none but their little family, Brother Bjork, and the angels of heaven near, I buried them with their dear Saviour in baptism.

It was a blessed occasion. The woods seemed to be full of angels. If all my work in the Gospel ministry, this was the sweetest experience.

After returning to the house we made ready to take our leave. Brother Loukinan guided us on our way to the end of his land. There, dropping upon his uknees, he motioned for us to kneel, and taking us each by the hand, he prayed. Then Brother Bjork prayed, myself praying last. We then arose and bade him farewell, not expecting to meet him again in this life, yet joyful in the Blessed Hope of the very near future.

Praise God for this first fruit from among the Finns of this region. 0, brethren, it pays to pray for the Finn.

6. Montgomery.

TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK .

"For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his WORK, and commanded the porter to watch. " Mark 13:34

Does this parable apply to people in this generation, who claim to have the last message of mercy to carry to the world before the coming of the Saviour? And, if so, have you found out what WORK the Lord wants you to do at this time? It has been encouraging to see how the Lord has been impressing different

ones to go out with our good books and place them in the homes of the people and I trust that this may continue until we can have a faithful canvasser in every county.

I am satisfied that there are many in the Conference who desire a part in the work but are not prepared to go out with books. There is a grand missionary opportunity for such to have a part in the work by selling some of our truth-filled papers, such as LIBERTY, LIFE AND HEALTH, the SIGNS and WATCHMAN. These papers are brim full of the precious truths fof the message and the experience of hundreds of successful workers demonstrates that they can be sold.

This is a work that all classes could engage in and how frequently we hear of souls embracing the truth through this means. If you have not already take up active work in hastening forward this message, why not start at once to pray and plan for a part --5--

in preparing the world to meets its soon coming King?

I would like to shear from all who wish to take up work with the papers or with our larger publications.

H. W. Johnson.

A FEW INTERROGATIONS WITH THEIR RELATIVE ANSWERS.

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"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." Ex. 20:16. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor." Ps. 15:1,3.

"Put them in mind. . . To speak evil of no man." Titus 3:1,2 .

Ques. 1. May I never speak of the faults of another?

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Ans. Yes, to your boson friend, provided that your friend is the Lord Jesus. To Him you may mention them as often as you like. The chances are, that they will thus soon disappear from both your mind and the character of the individual.

Ques. 2. May I not mention the faults to the individual in whom I observe them? Ans. Yes, if the Holy Spirit sends you to him with a message of loving reproof fresh from God's throne.

Ques. 3. What course shall I pursue when some one begins telling me of the grievous wrongs committed by another?

Ans. Send him to the same tried, true Friend, with his damaging report. It will have lost much of its virulence by the time he has reached the presence of the Sinless One.

Ques. 4. But suppose the report were true? Ans. The greater the reproach brought upon the individual if the report be true. A false report cannot really harm the upright in heart.

Ques. 5. But, are there never occasions when, "for the good of the cause" it is necessary to warn one person against another?

Ans. Possibly. In that case, however, there will be no lurking, eager desire in the hart to give the warning. It will find expression only by means of the powerful pressure of the Spirit of God.

> Let us take no burdens at the hands of the "accuser of the brethren-" "Be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." "Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding in all things."

> > Inoz E. Lay.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL ALBUMS.

We have sent to each of our churches and companies an Album which holds fifty dimes. We hope that you will all put in your dimes at the first opportunity., so we may have the money to use in buying desks, blackboards, stove, etc. This is your school. The amount asked for is very small. We are waiting for the dimes-

C. A. Hansen.

"The patient heart, That bears its heavy cross apart, And still makes known Its burden unto Christ alone,--To this one his sweet Spirit brings Most dear and gracious comfortings."

VISIT ALONG THE CHURCHES.

Leaving Petoskey May 21st, at 6 A. M., I arrived at Onaway the afternon of the same day, where I was driven to the home Brother Jas. O'Reilly, and set about for the perfecting of plans for the Sabbath-school Institute program, which had been sent out ahead and was to be held the following Sabbath.

On arriving at the place of meeting, we found a neat church building in the very midst of the business part of a town of 2500 population. Eight years ago the little church was built in the ...edge of the native forest, which shows how rapidly towns egrow up in the northern country. A goodly representation was present to take part in the exercises.

Among the papers read and discussed were, "The Training of Teachers", "How to Become a Soul-winning Teacher", "How to secure Home Study," "The Superintendent's Blackboard," "Five Common Mistakes of Superintendents," "Five Common Mistakes of Teachers", "How to Make Our Ope ning and Closing Exercises More Interesting."

A lively memory verse drill was given by the boys and girls, each verse illustrated by an appropriate drawing on cardboard.

When the subjects of "Need of Trained Teachers," "Proper Use of SABBATH SCHOOL WORKER", and "Home Department Members", were up for discussion, a lively interest was shown and many valuable thoughts brought out by different ones. One of the best teachers expressed himself as being unable to teach without the help given in the WORKER, and all felt that they derived great benefit from the suggestions it gives.

In regard to the Home Department work some of the young people volunteered to take up that phase of the work, looking after the isolated ones as a part of their regular missionary work, their motto being, "Every Isolated Member in Our Vincinity to be gotten into the Home Department Work."

The Young People's Society is raising money for a library and several conversions have taken place of late, the result of the Young People's work. One young man recently converted is taking a lively interest in the work: of the society and says he wants to do all he can to advance the work of the young people . because they did so much for him.

When the Standard of Attainment and Missionary Volunteer Reading 'Course was explained to them, it was evident that it is too late in the year to begin that work <u>now</u> but one of the members suggested that they begin <u>now</u> to save money with which to buy the needed books for next year.

A good work was done here last year by the church school teacher, Mr. Ludington, who is now at Berrien Springs studying for the ministry, and as he will not teach next year, the school board are showing their interest for a continuance of the good work, by asking already that an efficient teacher be sent them. Several of the young people are planning to go away to school in order to better fit themselves for the Lord's work.

May 25th, I visited Whittemore. Here I found Sister Craig who is an old pioneer in the message, and a sister of C. L. Taylor, also the Miss Taylor who has been in India several years as a missionary. The same interest is seen here, in the oducational work as was noted in other places and they will either have a church school or those who have children will move where they can have the advantages of a Christian education.

At Rose City we found the prayer-meeting that "didn't die." Altho there are but two families of Adventists here, Brother Mathew's and Brother Dwight Spencer's, they have a regularly organized Sabbath-school and never miss having the weekly prayer meeting. These two families are doing what they can to scatter the light of truth and are petitioning that help be sent them by way of a tent effort. Thus the truth will be carried, the faithful one reached, and thum shall the end come.

In the midst of a prosperous farming community, looms up the little church of Omer, which is also their school-house. The building is newly papered, sides and ceiling, equipped with patent seats, blackboards in abundance, an organ, and other things that make it convenient for school work. The brethren are now raising money to paint the outside and when this is done, they have a building that will do credit to the causo of God and to our schools.

It being "Educational Day" the program sent out by the General Conference was carried out, each one showing his interest by carrying his part of the program-The discussion that followed helped to impress the truths brought out.

Some removals from this place have in a measure weakened the work, but those who are left feel that the work must be carried on, and a special effort will be made to maintain the Young Peopleds Society, even the they will meet but once a month.

At this place also they are laying plans for a church school and calling for efficient help. May the Lord grant their desires.

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Mrs. Jennie E. Willaman.

TITHE RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1908.

Baldwin	Gaylord	Onaway
Cadillac 32.50	Hancock 72.42	Petoskey 10.00
Olarence 6.65	Iron River 120.50	Rose City 3.71
Chase 1.30	Leetsville	Scottville 2.00
Oolfax 25.15	Munising 6.00	Traverse City 12-97
Ensign 10.00	Manistes 9.91	Whittemore 32-29
Eastport 11.51	Mesick	Wildwood 8.38
Frankfort 10.74	Miscellaneous 1.15	TOTAL \$744-32
Grant 19.75	Omer 55-80	

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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND. THE

Will be one of the things talked about at our coming camp-meeting. What is It?

It is a provision whereby an educational fund will be started to help worthy young people who want to give themselves to the Lord's work thus enabling them to attend our Washington school to prepare themselves for missionary work.

A Perpetual Fund.

When they begin work they are to pay back the money thus borrowed soc a perpetual fund will be established. The founders of our state early saw the necessity of establishing an educational fund, and should not God's people do as much for in their children as the State does for hers?

What can your society do to aid in this good work? Think it over and look for : the letter you will soon receive in regard to it.

		CANVASSING	REPOR	r FOR	MAD,	TA00*		
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	A. P. Friday Mrs. S. Bracebrid	Great Controversy	131 4	221 8	10 7		\$113.00 22.25	
	Jas. Lowry K. V. Bjork	" Finn Revelation	43 133	117	45	\$7.85	84-35	59.50 \$152.75
	Mrs. H. Mesick T. T. Beeler	Coming King Home & Health	36 36	83 29	15		15.00 12.00 13.50	9.00
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FIVE BOOK READING COURSE.

What are you reading?

The following names recently appeared in the INSTRUCTOR as having completed or nearly completed the five book Reading Course: Mrs. Nellie Kroupa, Olive Siemann, Edith McClellan, Nora Willaman, Della Sweet, and Carrie Rasmusson. Among the books read are such as "Great Controversy", "Desire of Ages," "Life of Lincoln."

Several months ago some fifteen or twenty of the young people in our conference started this course of reading. The question now is, "How many have finished it, or have made such a heginning that they will finish it?"

I would request all who contemplate finishing the course to send their names to me soon so I can forward the same to the INSTRUCTOR. Can not our North Michigan Conference give material aid in raising the thermometer to the one-hundred mark. Let me hear from you.

Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman.

NEWS & NOTES.

CORRECTIONS: In the second line of the last paragraph on page 1, it should read, "If it were impossible," instead of "If it were possible." Next to the last paragraph in the article on "Visit to the Churches, page 6, Brother J. B. Mathew's name should read, "Brother J. B. Mathewson's."

Have you heard of our new plan to support missions? It is 10¢ a week or \$5.20 for each person. That's a small amount for a whole year and what you give to the Mid-summer and Christmas offerings goes to make up this amount. We trust that every member in North Michigan will take hold and begin this week to give 10¢ every week to missions. We wish to raise \$325,000 in our denomination this year to support our foreign missionaries. Let no one use the tithe for this purpose. These are so parate funds.

SPECIAL: We wish to call attention to the article in the last REVIEW on page 24, entitled, "A Deception Exposed." Not only has this literature by J. M. Garmire, been sent to many in North Michigan Conference, but the names of our ministers and leaders have been placed on the envelopes, so that the individual receiving the literature would think that it came from them. We assure our brethren and sisters that our laborers are not in this kind of business.

We are glad to the report that the orders for the new lessons quraterlies have come in so promptly. The lessons for the third quarter will be intensely interestly. In Vol. 3 of the Testimonies, pp. 571-575, we are directed to Nehemiah as an example in seeking God in prayer and in meeting the opponents of the truth.

The number of prospective students for the Petoskey Intermediate School is increasing. Some have sent in their tuition ahead. I hope that as many as can will send us their tuition, if only \$5.00 at a time. We need it to use now and you will then have it in safe keeping and will not be so liable to spend it. Send it to the North Michigan Tract Society and say it is for your schooling. Do it to-day.

The Lake Union Summer School at Berrien Springs commenced June 10th. The faculty included Professors Kauhle, Haughey, Straw, Taylor, Russell, Boylan, Mrs. Flora Williams, Mrs. Mary C. McReynolds, Miss Florencé Howell, and Miss Minnie Hart. The foliowing persons are there from North Michigan: Olive Siemann, Nora Willaman, Ella and Carrie Rasmusson, Della Starkey, Mina Rickerd, Marian Bissett, and Don Ludington. Mrs. Jennie M. Willaman expects to attend as soon as the Gladstone camp-meeting is over-

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The Petoskey camp-meeting will soon be here. We look forward to one of the best meetings ever held in N^orth Michigan. Excellent help has been promised us, and we expect a large attendance and much of the blessing of the Lord. Aug. 27 .to Sept. 6th. Are you coming?

If any have a set of encyclopedia or other useful books that they can spare, why not give them to the Petoskey Intermediate School?

Five new members were recently added to the Onaway church, four of which were new beginners. We trust the good work may continue.

Brother Silas Griffin and family, also Brother Macomber and mother of Omer have located near Gaylord

By the time this paper reaches its readers the Gladstone camp-meeting will be in progress, and we trust that this meeting will do much to further the work in that part of the field.

"To find our mission we have but to be faithful wherever Goa puts us for the present."

The Petoskey Young People's Society are just taking up the writing of missionary letters, following papers sent out.

Remember the Mid-summer Offering for July 4.

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Brother E. C. Collard is back at his post of duty in the Copper Country scattering the printed page.

Sister O. Montgomery and children are visiting her parents, Brother and Sister J. B. Mathewson, at Rose City.

The SIGNS OF THE TIMES are issuing a new monthly journal for the use of agents and pioneer missionary workers. It will be printed in magazine form and cover all phases of the message. It is not intended to do away with the weekly SIGNS but is for sale from house to house and on the streets by those not sufficiently experienced or who have not the training to sell books. The subscription price will be 10c a copy; 5to 25 copies, 5¢ each; 25 to 500 copies, 4¢ each: and 500 to 1000 copies, 35¢ each. Address Tract Society.

"I tried the test question plan at the close of the December quarter." I was surprised myself at the interest and enthusiasm taken in it. My class are delighted with the plan." "All did well. Most of them did not get the questions answered for lack of time, but all tried. The children all seemed to enjoy the exercise." These quetations review to the written reviews on the Sabbath-school lessons. Is your Sabbath-school having them? Try it..

The July issue of LIFE AND HEALTH brings instruction that can easily be applied in the daily life, and that will greatly help in prolonging life and rendering it more possible to "Live twice as long, and twice as well." It cites the application of the principles of natural health laws in the life of Daniel and his companions; "John the Baptist; and, in modern times, Louis Cornaro who lived to be over 100 years old; the Honorable David Wark of the Canadian Senate, and Captain Diamond, all of whom attributed their long, happy and useful lives to their conformity to the true principles of health and temperances

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NEWS SHEET.

All should be interested in the large world missionary map advertised i on the last page of the REVIEW for June 18th. This is an exceptional opportunity to secure one of these fine maps at a low price and every church, Sabbath-school, Young people's Society, and church-school should have one.